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Letter dated 5 March 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1395 (2002) of 27 February 2002 concerning Liberia, in paragraph 3 of which the Council decided to re-establish the Panel of Experts on Liberia appointed pursuant to paragraph 19 of resolution 1343 (2001) for a further period of five weeks, commencing no later than 11 March 2002.

The Panel will conduct a follow-up assessment mission to Liberia and neighbouring countries, in order to investigate and compile a brief independent audit of the compliance by the Government of Liberia with paragraph 2 and of any violations of paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of resolution 1343 (2001) and to report to the Council through the Committee established by paragraph 14 of resolution 1343 (2001). In paragraph 5 of resolution 1395 (2002), the Council requested that I appoint, in consultation with the Committee established by paragraph 14 of resolution 1343 (2001), no more than five experts to serve on the Panel.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1395 (2002), including that I draw, as much as possible and as appropriate, on the expertise of the members of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001), I have appointed the following four experts:

1. Mr. Atabou Bodian (Senegal, expert from the International Civil Aviation Organization)
2. Mr. Johan Peleman (Belgium, expert on arms and transportation)
3. Mr. Harjit Singh Sandhu (India, expert from Interpol)
4. Mr. Alex Vines (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, expert on diamonds).

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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